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In re Application of:

Dominick L. Mastri, et al

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Examiner: Unknown

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Filed: Concurrently Herewith

For: SURGICAL STAPLER

APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Asst. Commissioner For Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the ☒ utility ☐ design patent application in this case including:

1. ☒ This application is a ☒ Continuation; ☐ Divisional  
☐ Continuation in Part of prior application Serial No. 09/497,647 filed on February 3, 2000.
2. ☐ This application claims priority from Provisional Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☒ The application consisting of 46 pages (including specification, claims and abstract).
4. ☒ 38 sheet(s) of drawings is enclosed. The drawings are:
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5. ☒ A signed declaration and power of attorney from the parent application is enclosed.
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7. [x] An copy of the Recorded Assignment of the invention from the parent application to is enclosed
8. [x] Claims 2-19 have been cancelled by Preliminary Amendment attached hereto.
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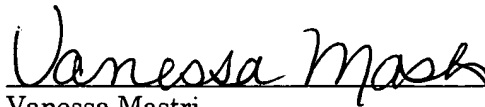
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